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MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: National Space Strategy

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The intent of my memorandum of 23 February was not to focus on a short unclassified civil space strategy only. For that we really do not need the Intelligence Community's assistance.

The President's interest in space and his desire to have a national space strategy has been amply demonstrated numerous times. I find it discouraging that elements of the bureaucracy have continuously resisted this effort. I certainly understand the difference between NASA's mission and those of DOD and the Intelligence Community. But the fact remains that all three involve the use of space, and to properly focus the U.S. involvement in space we need a national strategy that spells out what the President wants done to carry out his policy. Presidential guidance in the classified mission areas will also be useful and appropriate. One might conclude from your memorandum that the Intelligence Community does not want any Presidential guidance.

At the last IG (Space) meeting, I thought everybody was anxious to participate in drafting the NSDD. I really fail to understand your substantive concerns with spelling out in one document what your strategy is for the use of space in carrying out your intelligence missions.

I also do not agree that IG work must be restricted to issues on which there is consensus. That usually leads to solutions that are the least common denominator. All agencies and departments should have an opportunity to provide input and their views should be presented to the President, but the final document is not necessarily a consensus document.

I invite your participation to the drafting sessions to include the Intelligence Community's input to the NSDD.

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